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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 09/886,456  
Filed: June 20, 2001  
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Title: System and Method for  
Programmatically Creating  
Nodes in a Graphical  
Program with Minimal  
Graphical Code

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following preliminary amendment in the above-captioned case.

Please amend the case as listed below.

**IN THE TITLE:**

Please change the title to "System and Method for Programmatically Creating Graphical Program Code in a Graphical Program".

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1, 15, 17 and 26 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for configuring a node in a graphical program, the method comprising: